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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

1. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN TO NATO THIS AFTERNOON LUNS ASKED MCAULIFFE TO STOP BY AND VISIT WITH HIM AND PANSA. LUNS SAID HE HAD JUST BEEN BRIEFED ON THE AUGUST 14 NC (SEPTTEL) AND HAD

DOE SOME QUICK RESEARCH INTO 1967 CYPRUS CRISIS. AT THAT TIME, HE NOTED, SECRETARY GENERAL BROSIO HAD VISITED ANKARA AND ATHENS AND HAD COLLABORATED WITH THEN DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY VANCE IN CALMING THAT CRISIS. HE HAD ALSO NOTED THAT UN REPRESENTATIVE OF U THANT HAD VISITED ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA COINCIDENTALLY AND THAT EFFORTS OF THAT LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT HAD APPARENTLY NOT BEEN TOO HELPFUL TO U.S. OR TO ALLIANCE.

2. LUNS ASKED MCAULIFFE TO CONVEY URGENTLY TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AND TO SECRETARY KISSINGER HIS OFFER TO TRAVEL TO ANKARA AND ATHENS, TO TAKE INITIATIVES THERE WITH ALLIES, OR TO BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING CEASEFIRE ON CYPRUS AND EFFECTING RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES. LUNS INSISTED AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT HE WISHED TO BE OF MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE TO THE U.S. AND TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON INITIATIVES OR COMPLEMENT EFFORTS WHICH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES MAY BE TAKING IN OTHER PLACES.

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3. LATER THIS AFTERNOON HE PLANS SPEAK WITH ERALP (TURKEY) AND TELL HIM THAT HE IS WILLING TO GO TO ANKARA TO CONFER WITH SENIOR TURKISH OFFICIALS AND BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TURKEY AND TO THE ALLIANCE IF PM ECEVIT OR FONMIN GUNES WERE TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO HIM. SYG SAID HE WILL

BE MOST CAREFUL TO ENSURE THAT HE DOES NOT MAKE SUCH A VISIT TO ANKARA SOLELY DEPENDENT ON TURKISH INVITATION SINCE HE HAS NOT RULED OUT POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY TRAVEL TO ANKARA WITHOUT AN INVITATION. SUBSEQUENTLY HE PLANS MEET WITH CHORAFAS (GREECE) AND MAKE SIMILAR OVERTURES TO HIM POINTING OUT THAT HE WOULD PLAN TO VISIT ANKARA BEFORE MEETING WITH SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS SINCE IN HIS JUDGMENT FOCAL POINT FOR DECISION-MAKING AT THIS TIME IS ANKARA.

4. PANSA THEN REMINDED LUNS OF HIS APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL GOODPASTER LATER THIS AFTERNOON, AT WHICH POINT LUNS SAID HE PLANS TO STRESS TO SACEUR AND TO CHORAFAS THAT ACTION OF GREEK GOVERNMENT IN WITHDRAWING MILITARY OFFICERS FROM NATO INTEGRATED MILITARY SYSTEM WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN ACTION TAKEN BY FRANCE IN 1966 WHICH PERMITTED PHASED AND ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH MILITARY. LUNS THEREFORE PLANS TO STRESS DESIRABILITY FOR EFFICIENCY'S SAKE OF PHASED AND ORDERLY REMOVAL OF GREEK MILITARY IF ATHENS DECIDES TO IMPLEMENT ITS RECENT DECISION.

5. FINALLY, SYG SAID THAT IN EVENT THAT HE DOES UNDERTAKE TRAVEL TO ANKARA AND ATHENS HE WOULD APPRECIATE USE OF U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR SUCH TRAVEL AND HE ASKED THAT USNATO AND AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD DO WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP IN THIS REGARD. HE SAID HE "WOULD EAGERLY AWAIT A REPLY FROM DON" AND COULD BE REACHED AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY OR NIGHT.
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